UK Health Data Research Alliance

Dear Alliance Member

We're into the last full working week of the year, and what a year it has been!

In this final issue of the Alliance Community Bulletin for 2023, we share updates from Alliance Members SAIL Databank, Research Data Scotland, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and British Heart Foundation Data Science Centre. We're also excited to announce that applications are now open for the HDR UK Big Data for Complex Disease Fellowships so please share this with your network. There are lots of great events coming up in the New Year, so make sure you sign up.

News from the UK Health Data Research Alliance

SAIL Supports Evaluation of Major Public Health Intervention for Diabetes Prevention

The All-Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme (AWDPP), led by Public Health Wales, offers targeted and locally delivered support to people who are at an increased risk of type 2 diabetes, with the aim of preventing them from developing the condition. SAIL Databank is supporting the ongoing evaluation of the programme's roll-out.

>> **Read more**

Research Data Scotland (RDS) joins Administrative Data Research Scotland (ADR Scotland) Programme

Research Data Scotland (RDS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Scottish Government, detailing how the organisation will help to deliver core

elements of the ADR Scotland programme.

>> **Read full article**

Honorary MBE for Hilary Fanning for services to genomic delivery in the NHS

Hillary Fanning, Director of Research and Innovation at **University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UBH),** is one of just 62 individuals named in the **Honorary awards to foreign nationals**, which is approved by His Majesty the King. The Honour recognises the impact Hilary has had on genomic delivery not just at UHB, but in the wider West Midlands region and nationally.

>> **Read more**

British Heart Foundation Data Science Centre celebrating public involvement in data research

The British Heart Foundation Data Science Centre launches a new short film celebrating public involvement in data research and the power of sharing data. Hear from a public contributor, Kelvin Pitman, as he shares his incredible journey with the Centre.

>> **Find out more**

In other news
What's been happening across the ecosystem....

NHS expands use of secure OpenSAFELY COVID-19 research platform to help find new treatments for major killer conditions

Expanding this service will allow scientists to securely analyse data in GP systems helping researchers understand more about medicines, treatments and patient outcomes, which could support better patient care.

>> **Read more**

Government response to the Lord O'Shaughnessy review into commercial clinical trials

This new report provides an update on progress made against the initial commitments in the initial UK government response back in May 2023, and provides a prioritised response on both the remaining recommendations and the existing programme of work announced in the previous implementation plans.

>> **Read response here**

The Common governance model: a way to avoid data segregation between existing Trusted Research Environment (TRE)

The aim of this article is to document key governance features in major UK-TRE contributing to UK wide analysis and to identify elements that would directly facilitate multi TRE collaborations and federated analysis in future.

>> **Read full article**

Calling all early career researchers: The HDR UK Big Data for Complex Disease (BDCD) Fellowships are now open for applications

The BDCD Driver Programme is offering up to 5 Fellowships to apply the potential

of large-scale health data to better predict the development and impact of inequalities on cancer and cardiovascular disease. Apply by **5 February, 2024.**

>> **Find out more**

DARE UK Driver Projects final outputs published

The Driver Projects were awarded more than £2.5 million to explore some of the essential components and requirements for a UK-wide network of Trusted Research Environments (TREs).The outputs from the Driver Projects lay some of the foundations set to transform the future of sensitive data research in the UK.

>> **Read more**

Upcoming Events

17.01.24 (14:00 - 16:00) Alliance Council Meeting (*online and in-person*) with drinks reception (16:00 - 18:00) at Wellcome Trust, 215 Euston Road London NW1 2BE

Join us at the quarterly meeting where we share developments across the landscape, discuss best practice in data use and evaluate outputs produced by current Alliance working groups.
>> To join online, please email **ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk**
>> To join this event *in-person,* please **register here**

17.01.24 (12:00 - 13:30) Linking Sensitive Data : Insights from the DARE UK Driver Projects (*online*)

Be part of the conversation as we delve into the findings from each project, as well as their challenges and possible future implications for the DARE UK programme and the broader UK data research community.
>> **Sign up here**

17.01.24 (12:00 - 12:45) The BHF Data Science Centre monthly webinar (*online*)

These monthly webinars covers an array of topics featuring the centres latest work, publications and areas of expertise. To join the BHF Data Science Centre monthly webinar mailing list **click here.**

If you have any news or updates from across your organisation, that you'd like us to share with other Alliance Members please send details to **ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk** and we will look to include this in the next community bulletin.